

Fast Food Fax

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, Classified by Weight, weekending: Nov 30, 2002

FOOD SERVICE/

	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	22,727	20,197	34,432	77,356
Percentage	29%	26%	45%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,746	4.84
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	4,339	5.61
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	9,969	12.89
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,673	6.04
		22,727	29.38

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged fair to good. Offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were in close balance to adequate, wings were in a better balance and clearing. Dark meat items were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Weights ranged desirable to heavy, but usually desirable.

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Oct 12	192,948	98	154,253	95	209,373	101	167,682	100	158,073	99
Oct 19	185,842	98	155,370	95	205,492	100	166,483	101	155,053	98
Oct 26	181,194	97	156,659	94	206,116	99	167,236	100	158,649	102
Nov 02	191,008	97	154,802	97	204,809	99	166,904	100	155,193	98
Nov 09	198,763	97	151,059	98	203,975	100	165,368	100	155,647	100
Nov 16	198,081	96	147,324	98	204,036	103	164,755	103	154,140	99
Nov 23	199,513	97	154,558	97	191,825	99	156,653	100	149,717	97
Nov 30	200,843	95	161,040	97	189,766	95	153,824	95	115,454	77
Dec 07	200,727	98	161,965	97	191,826	95	155,300	95	151,980	132

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 12/16/02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	50.61	49.73	46.96
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	44.87	45.02	48.05
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	65.10	64.51	65.10
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	53.89	53.73	55.25
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	60.43	60.42	61.65
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	36.76	32.44	39.74

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 12/13/02</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 12/13/02</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 12/16/02</u>
Breast - B/S	125.62	122.88	130.00
Tenderloins	104.58	126.64	161.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	62.09	64.12	64.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	18.09	14.57	18.00
Wings	46.01	46.49	47.00